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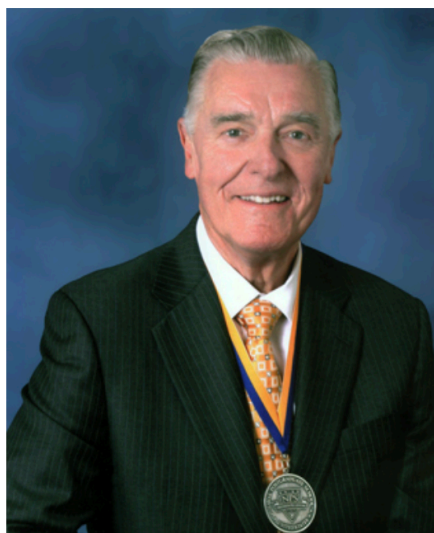
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Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.)

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Admiral James D. Watkins, Naval Academy Class of 1949, is a 1958 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School, with a master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering. He served equally aboard surface ships and submarines. President Reagan selected Admiral Watkins to become the 22nd Chief of Naval Operations on June 30, 1982, capping a distinguished career spanning nearly four decades.